

Priority Area:

Address Declining Neighborhoods

Goal/Objective:

Reduce vacant and unmaintained city owned lots in neighborhoods.

Strategy 8 - Re-institute program where county participates with city for transfer to city properties held in trust.**Action Steps:**

- a. Contact Jasper and Newton County Assessor Offices to request implementation of program.
- b. Develop aggressive program to clean titles and prepare lots for sale, additionally look at other methods to encourage infill development (donation of properties to non-profits, reduced sale price of properties, etc.).
- c. Land acquisition must be in compliance with existing city Surplus Land Policy and Procedure.
- d. Properties acquired to be disposed of in compliance with city Surplus Land Policy and Procedure.

Resources Required:

1. Public Works, Planning and Zoning and Finance Departments all have roles in carrying out the city's Surplus Land Policy and Procedures. 0.50 FTE additional Finance Dept. staff anticipated for this project.
2. City GIS staff time will be required to develop the initial map layer of surplus city lots and will then be required for regular maintenance of the layer.

Total Plan Cost:

Total Additional FTE: 0.50

One-Time Costs: \$1,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$39,000

Program Annual Costs: \$2,000

Desired Benefit/Outcome:

- Expedite and improve process of placing lots received from the county into production.